

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

**FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS**

Hearing Date: May 7, 2004

Section Affected: Title 16, California Code of Regulations sections 1399.260, 1399.261, and 1399.263

Updated Information

The Initial Statement of Reasons is included in the file. At the July 30, 2004 Division of Licensing meeting it was reported that the effective date of the Notice had changed from July 1, 2004 to January 1, 2005. A motion was made and carried to reaffirm the prior vote. No adverse comments were received from the public in regards to the new effective date.

Local Mandate

A mandate is not imposed on local agencies or school districts.

Small Business Impact

The Medical Board of California has determined that the proposed regulations would affect small business because it specifies the registration and renewal fee amounts to be increased from \$75.00 to \$100.00 every 2 years, which is the maximum amount allowed in statute. This is an increase of \$25.00 over the 2 year renewal period.

Considerations of Alternatives

The Medical Board of California has determined that no reasonable alternative which it has considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention would either be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulation.

Objections or Recommendations/Responses

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On May 4, 2004 the Medical Board of California received a letter from the California Association of Dispensing Opticians in support of the fee increase and requested that the proposed amendment to the regulations be approved.

No comments in opposition were received.